

REMARKS

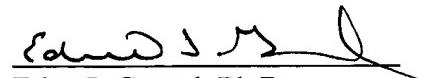
By this amendment, applicants have cancelled claims 1-20 and added new claims 21-26. Thus, claims 21-26 are pending.

The office communication dated October 22, 2004 indicated that the previously filed amendment dated September 10, 2004 in response to the office action of February 10, 2004 is non-compliant because a complete listing of all of the claims is not present (i.e., claims 12-20 are missing). The office communication requires that "only the corrected section of a non-compliant amendment document must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire 'Amendments to the Claims' section of applicants amendment document must be resubmitted."

Accordingly, applicants submit herewith a complete listing of all of the claims. As submitted herewith, the listing of the claims now contain a complete listing of all of the claims. In accordance with the requirements set forth in the office communication as noted above, the arguments and exhibit provided in the amendment dated September 10, 2004 in response to the office action of February 10, 2004 are not included in the present amendment. Applicants respectfully request that the examiner review the arguments presented in the amendment dated September 10, 2004 at this time.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of the pending claims is earnestly requested. If the examiner has any questions regarding this amendment, the examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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